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Mayor Ed Martin
Venice City Hall
Venice, FL 34285

Re: Airport Advisory Board Appointments

Dear Mayor Martin:

At the City Council meeting on February 12th you are scheduled to recommend to your fellow Council Members three names for appointment to the Venice Airport Advisory Board. Your appointments will be governed by Venice City Ordinance No. 2005-10, and the qualifications of those to be appointed are spelled out clearly therein. According to the Ordinance, two of these seats to be appointed are to be filled by persons who "have evidence of an aviation or airport operations background and training" and one seat to be held by a Venice City resident who is an interested citizen rather than being required to have the qualifications of those who hold the aviation experience-related seats (Sec. 14-31).

The following applicants possess "evidence of an aviation or airport operations background and training" (Sec. 14-31):

1. Dr. Robert Bartanowicz, a five year City resident, is seeking reappointment. He is the retired FAA Regional Administrator for the northeastern United States, served in many capacities with the FAA, was an air traffic controller and is a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel. He has extensive experience in aviation management and rule making.

2. Nick Carlucci, a non-resident member of the Airport Advisory Board seeking reappointment. He is the president of VASI, a retired Marine colonel and pilot and deeply involved in the affairs of the Venice Airport.

3. Nick Piscitelli is a non-resident seeking the appointment. He was president of VASI for four terms and is an Angel Flight pilot and aircraft owner. He has been involved with the Venice Airport for many years.

The following applicants do not have "aviation or airport operations background and training". One of them would be eligible for the non-aviation related seat:

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1. Thomas Brener. A Venice resident for 1-1/2 years who has no connection with aviation or the Venice Airport except as a constant critic.
2. Mary Bruning. A nine year resident of Venice with no aviation related experience.
3. Gary Budway. A ten year resident of Venice with no aviation related experience.
4. Jim Leis. Presently serving on the AAB in one of the non-aviation related seats. He is a resident of Golden Beach sub-division and has applied to be reappointed.
5. James Marble. A nine year Venice resident who was an "aviation technical writer" for two years approximately 40 years ago. Nothing more. He is a resident of Golden Beach sub-division and is a critic of the Venice Airport.

If Leis is reappointed and Marble appointed, then a majority, four of the seven members of the AAB will be residents of Golden Beach sub-division, where three members of the City Council also reside.

I am writing this letter to you because the word out of Golden Beach is that you intend to nominate Thomas Brener and James Marble to the "have evidence of an aviation or airport operations background and training" seats due to their community interest rather than following the requirements of Ordinance No. 2005-10, Sec. 14-31.

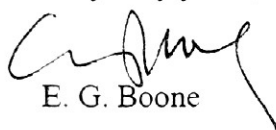
I was present when you took the oath of office to uphold and defend the Ordinances (laws) of Venice. To appoint non-qualified persons to the Airport Advisory Board would blatantly violate Ordinance No. 2005-10. You hold yourself out as an elected official who will not knowingly violate your oath of office and I commend you for this.

Should you have any questions as to the requirements spelled out in Ordinance No. 2005-10, I urge you to confer with City Attorney Robert Anderson before placing your nominations before City Council to be acted upon by the six other Council members.

This letter is not written to recommend the appointment of any person, but is written for the purpose of asking that the appointments meet the requirements of Ordinance No. 2005-10.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Very truly yours,



E. G. Boone

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